

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – May 22nd, 2011

- Every week, we set aside a few minutes on Sunday mornings to look at Bible prophecy
- The reason for this is because the Bible predicts certain events that will take place in the last days before the Lord returns.
- We believe that what's happening in the world today is a fulfillment of those Bible Prophecies.

- We look primarily at events in the Middle East, specifically related to Israel because, as it's been said; "Israel is God's prophetic clock."
- With Obama's speech to Muslims on Thursday, his meeting with Netanyahu on Friday, and the rapture on Saturday, it's been a busy week.
- Be that as it may, and suffice it to say, this is what we'll be talking about today. Things are moving faster than any of us could have imagined.

- For the benefit of those needing to be apprised of the enormity prophetically related to the events of this last week, here's an at-a-glance look.
- After killing Osama Bin Laden in Pakistan, and the subsequent Third Palestinian Intifada in Israel, Obama gave a speech to the Muslim World.
- This is where we begin, with Obama's speech on Thursday. I'll start with some excerpts from the text of his speech, then we'll go from there.

**Excerpt from speech by Barack Obama on Thursday, May 19th, 2011:** "...the drive for a lasting peace that ends the conflict and resolves all claims is more urgent than ever. That's certainly true for the two parties involved. ...We believe the borders of Israel and Palestine should be based on the 1967 lines with mutually agreed swaps, so that secure and recognized borders are established for both states. The Palestinian people must have the right to govern themselves, and reach their full potential, in a sovereign and contiguous state. ... Palestinians should know the territorial outlines of their state; Israelis should know that their basic security concerns will be met. I'm aware that these steps alone will not resolve the conflict, because two wrenching and emotional issues will remain: the future of Jerusalem, and the fate of Palestinian refugees."

**Of Obama's astonishing speech, one online news source reported that;** "Pres. Barack Obama upset many in Israel yesterday, when he called for a two-state solution based on the 1967 borders. The article went on to quote Obama as saying: "... This is the moment democrats and peacemakers, statesmen and ordinary people have been dreaming of for decades, across the region, and it cannot, under any circumstances, be allowed to slip away. But as in all places in all times, there are hard-liners who are invested in the paradigm of conflict and hostility, who do not see a future for their own way of thinking in a world of peace and security."

- Interestingly, the very next day Benjamin Netanyahu met with Obama in what ended up as a meeting that lasted much longer than expected.
- It's what happened at the press conference after that caught the eye of a stunned world, as Netanyahu virtually scolded and schooled Obama.
- He made it explicitly clear that not only will they refuse 1967 borders, but the Palestinian problem must be solved outside the borders of Israel.

**Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu response to U.S. President Barack Obama demanding Israel go back to their 1967 borders on Friday, May 20th, 2011:** "Peace based on illusions will crash on rocks of Middle-Eastern reality. ...the Palestinian refugee problem will have to be resolved in the context of a Palestinian state, but certainly not in the borders of Israel. ...While Israel is prepared to make generous compromises for peace, it cannot go back to the 1967 lines. Because these lines are indefensible. Because they don't take into account certain changes that have taken place on the ground, demographic changes that have taken place over the last 44 years. ...Now, 63 years later, the Palestinians come to us and they say to Israel, accept the grandchildren, ...and the great grandchildren of these refugees, thereby wiping out Israel's future as a Jewish state. ...it's not going to happen. Everybody knows it's not going to happen. And I think it's time to tell the Palestinians forthrightly it's not going to happen. The Palestinian refugee problem has to be resolved. It can be resolved, and it will be resolved if the Palestinians choose to do so in a Palestinian state. So that's a real possibility. But it's not going to be resolved within the Jewish state."

- This all happened just on Thursday and Friday, and if that weren't enough, we had the rapture just yesterday on Saturday, and we're still here!
- Sadly, we have to laugh because if we didn't we may find ourselves crying as we see all of the mocking that is now ensuing, because of this.
- Yesterday my heart was broken in my grieving at what could very well be just the beginning of unspeakable ridicule as it relates to the rapture.

- Sinners celebrate upcoming Rapture with parties and mocking
- Gov. Mocks Christian Rapture on Twitter
- The Rapture fails: Twitter mocks Harold Camping's theory at 6pm
- 'Rapture' Apocalypse Prediction by Evangelicals Inspires Atheists to Host Mocking Celebrations
- Your Guide to Not Worrying About the Rapture
- Different groups plan parties on the supposed 'Judgment Day'
- May 21: Judgment Day or party time?
- Atheists Mock Rapture Prediction as 'Nonsense', Christian News

- It's important to understand; all of that which we've just looked at in part, took place over a period of only 72 hours commencing on Thursday.
- Now, maybe the question becomes; what does all of this mean for us here in Hawaii? Perhaps it's better asked this way; what's coming next?
- In the interest of time, I'll seek to narrow the answers to these questions down to six prophecies that reveal to us that which will now happen.

### 1. Sudden destruction will come when they say; "peace and security"

**1 Thessalonians 5:3 ESV (3)** While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

### 2. God will destroy those attempting to move Jerusalem's border lines

**Zechariah 12:(3), (9) NIV (3)**, On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves. ... **(9)** On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem.

### 3. Enemy nations will unsuccessfully conspire to wipe Israel off of the map

**Psalms 83:1-5 NIV A song. A psalm of Asaph.** O God, do not keep silent; be not quiet, O God, be not still. **(2)** See how your enemies are astir, how your foes rear their heads. **(3)** With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish. **(4)** "Come," they say, "let us destroy them as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more." **(5)** With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you—

#### **4. An Islamic alliance of nations will launch a nuclear attack against Israel**

**Ezekiel 38:14-23 NIV** "Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: In that day, when my people Israel are living in safety, will you not take notice of it? (15) You will come from your place in the far north, you and many nations with you, all of them riding on horses, a great horde, a mighty army. (16) You will advance against my people Israel like a cloud that covers the land. In days to come, O Gog, I will bring you against my land, so that the nations may know me when I show myself holy through you before their eyes.

#### **5. The United States will no longer be blessed by God as a nation**

**Genesis 12:2-3 NIV** "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. (3) I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

#### **6. More mocking of the rapture is coming, thus the rapture is coming**

**2 Peter 3:3-12 NIV** First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. (4) They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." (5) But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. (6) By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. (7) By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. (8) But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. (9) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (10) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. (11) Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives (12) as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.